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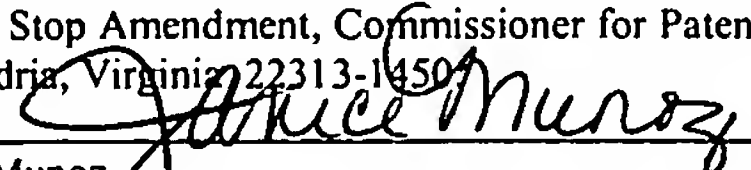
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 7, 2006, and is to be considered a replacement to the Reply to Office Action dated April 5, 2006, which was filed on July 5, 2006. Attached hereto are a claim listing, as indicated in the attached CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; a DRAWING AMENDMENTS section; a SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS; and a REMARKS section.

Date of Deposit: October 5, 2006
I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as **first class mail** with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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